
Jerome F. Punderson



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A member of the Senior Executive Service, Mr. Punderson is currently the Director of the Undersea Systems Contracts Division, the organization responsible for the procurement of the AEGIS Ballistic Missile Defense system, the DoN Converged Enterprise Resource Planning (C-ERP) systems, and many undersea systems, resulting in \$3.0 Billion in annual obligations. In addition, he is the Program Manager for the SeaPort-e program at NAVSEA, a strategic approach to acquisition of services emphasizing affordable and timely procurement of services through a completely electronic web-based marketplace. Most recently, Mr. Punderson led the expansion of SeaPort-e to the Navy Virtual SYSCOM (VS) comprised of NAVSEA, NAVAIR, SPAWAR, NAVSUP and NAVFAC, where services valued at up to \$5.3 Billion annually may be procured using these vehicles.

Mr. Punderson began his civil service career in 1981, completing the contracting intern with the Naval Electronics Systems Command before accepting a contracting position with the Patent and Trademark Office. Returning to the U.S. Navy in 1985, he joined NAVSEA as a contract negotiator for undersea programs and was subsequently selected to be the Contracting Officer responsible for the procurement of major Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Combat Systems. In 1988 he was promoted to Branch Head position where he provided leadership over a number of major weapons systems, including several major acquisition programs (ACAT 1D), first as branch head of the Mine Warfare and Surfaces Ship ASW Branch and then as branch head to the STANDARD Missile Branch. For eighteen months, Mr. Punderson served as the acting Director of the Surface Systems Contracts Division, an acquisition organization responsible for the procurement of major weapon systems valued at \$3.1 Billion annually before being selected in 2001 to be the Director of the Undersea Systems Contracts Division.

Mr. Punderson attended Rutgers University where, in 1979, he earned a bachelor's in biology. In 2003 he earned a master's degree in national resource strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

He is a recipient of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medal and numerous Special Act awards.